GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF GONDIA-JABALPUR RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Department of Maharashtra has requested the Railways for free travel of their employees in lieu of land provided for gauge conversion of Gondia-Jabalpur line;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereon;

(c) whether the Railways has suspended its plan for gauge conversion due to this demand; and

(d) if not, the time by which the conversion of Gondia-Jabalpur line is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) The Forest Department has demanded free travel of their staff boarding the train for checking illicit forest activityon Gondia-Birsola section

(b) The condition is not acceptable to Railways.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No target date for conversion of this line has yet been fixed. Work would be progressed and completed as per availability of resources.